



Year 5 Curriculum Letter - Summer 1 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are about to embark on our final term of Year 5! Where has the time gone? This half-term promises to be extremely creative. We shall be covering the following areas this half term in our topic based on **'Wonder' by RJ Palacio**. ***If children borrowed copies of the book, please return them as soon as possible.***

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Spelling: Year 5 and 6 Statutory Words and revision of spelling rules learnt throughout the year.</p> <p>Grammar: Sentence construction (modal verbs, active and passive voice, cohesive devices, commas for clarity and links to a variety of punctuation)</p> <p>Writing: Short writes inspired by 'Wonder' (character analysis, formal letters, dialogue, setting descriptions)</p> <p>Reading: The main focus of this term is to continue developing children's accuracy and fluency and develop deeper comprehension skills using the class book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio.</p> <p>Handwriting: Continue to follow Nelson Handwriting scheme focussing on speed and legibility.</p>	<p>Year 5 Spelling Word Bank: Page 23 from link below-The national curriculum in England - English Appendix 1: Spelling (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p> <p>SpellingShed Spelling Shed - Spelling Shed - Spelling game for school and home</p> <p>SPAG revision: KS2 English free game - Grammar, spelling and punctuation for primary school pupils - Crystal Explorers - BBC Bitesize</p> <p>Books: Children would benefit from reading other books by RJ Palacio. Books by R.J. Palacio (Author of Wonder) (goodreads.com)</p> <p>In addition to handwriting - touch typing. We would highly recommend Learn Touch Typing Free - TypingClub</p>
Maths	<p>Decimals Revision of our fluency in adding, subtracting, multiplying decimal numbers and applying our knowledge to a range of reasoning problems.</p> <p>Geometry: Properties of shapes Measuring, calculating and drawing angles, 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>Position and Direction Plotting coordinates, translation and reflection using lines of symmetry.</p> <p>Each topic will give children the opportunity to improve their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.</p>	<p>White Rose Maths- videos These will match what we are covering in class and give your child a chance to consolidate their learning at home. Home Learning White Rose Maths</p> <p>Mathletics Sign In – Hundreds of maths activities that will help develop mathematical understanding and skill.</p> <p>Please continue to consolidate times table knowledge using Times tables Rock stars Times Tables Rock Stars: Play (trockstars.com)</p>
Science	<p>Evolution and Inheritance The children will be studying fossils, how animals have become extinct or endangered over time and about the</p>	<p>What is evolution? - BBC Bitesize</p>



	scientists Charles Darwin, Mary Anning and Alfred Wallace.	This is a great time to visit the Natural History Museum to enhance learning: Human evolution Natural History Museum
Computing	Programming Music: Creating media – Introduction to vector graphics Online Safety –Private and personal information	Tetherdown School - E-Safety
Geography	New York, USA and North America As the book Wonder is set in New York, the children will be learning about Human and Physical Geography of New York and USA.	Please share any photographs or connections you have with USA.
PE	Cricket and Athletics PE is on Tuesday and Thursday	Please ensure children come to school wearing their full PE kit on these days. https://www.stevensons.co.uk/
Mandarin	Occupations	
Art	3D forms Learn about a range of 3D forms and work with a range of techniques such as paper-mâché and clay-sculpting to create 3D forms.	
RE	Spirited Arts Competition The whole school is taking part in the Spirited Arts competition, the results of which will be shown in the exhibition. Religion Focus: Hinduism Theme: Sacred Spaces Year 5's big question is: Why is the River Ganges sacred? Project: Learn about why the River Ganges is sacred and create a piece of silhouette art inspired by the River Ganges.	Enter Spirited Arts NATRE Competition
PSHE	Celebrating Differences We will be looking at the themes of identity, diversity and belonging. How our uniqueness makes us special and how differences can be celebrated. We will be learning about these themes in relation to our big topic: Wonder.	Zones of Regulation- This is a whole school approach to enable children to regulate their emotions and be ready for learning.
Music	Whole School Album	

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child during the term.

With best wishes,
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Year 5 Class Teachers